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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims are as follows:

1.(Amended) A hand and forearm protector comprising:

a sleeve for overlying a forearm and a proximal hand portion of a wearer;
a primary opening at one end of the sleeve;
a discrete digit opening disposed at another end of the sleeve wherein all of the wearer's fingers extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve extends to a point adjacent a first set of joints of the wearer's fingers, leaving the joints exposed;

a discrete thumb opening disposed at another end of the sleeve;
a longitudinal opening along the sleeve extending adjacent from a point that overlies a juncture of the carpal bones and the radius and extending rearwardly towards the primary opening to proximately the end of the sleeve; and